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## **Minutes 09/11/2013**

### **ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE**

Arlington Tree Committee Minutes

Wednesday, September 11th, 7:30 PM

Location: Selectmen's Hearing Room

Attendees: Sally Naish, Elizabeth Pilcher, Eliza Burden, Clarissa Rowe, Corinna Vanderspek, Susan Stamps, Lisa Decker, Mike Rademacher.

### **Minutes**

( Liz Pilcher)

1. Welcome
2. Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved.

3. Fall and Spring Planting-M. Rademacher reported that the town is providing \$40,000 for tree planting to be significantly used in the spring. About 30 trees will be planted this fall on Mass. Ave and Broadway. The tree division will provide an instruction sheet to the homeowners / businesses where trees are planted.

October 1 Mary Ellen will contact Mike to get a list of fall tree planting locations and a copy of the care instructions.

4. Jimmy Dodge is serving as the interim tree warden. MR has money in the budget for a position of half-time tree warden. He would like help from the committee to develop a job description.

Due by October 9, The Tree Committee will research and develop a tree warden job description. Lisa will call Lexington and Cambridge tree wardens; Sally will call Medford; Eliza will get in touch with the Mass Tree Wardens Association and Mass Arborists Association.

5. Funding for Trees - FAQ's

- a. Trees Please Fund-Clarissa recommends that we start work on non-profit status for the Trees Please Fund. To be discussed at a later date.
- b. Other-to be discussed at a later date

6. Town Day

- a. The ATC booth will emphasize information about trees suitable for Arlington yards. Sally has made a poster to show tree types.
- b. Adam Kurowski prepared a map of Arlington's tree cover and a second map locating impermeable surfaces in public and private properties.
- c. Members to bring ATC business cards and wear T-shirts at Town Day.

Mary Ellen to bring extra T-Shirts on Town Day.

## 7. Memorial Tree at Robbins Farm Park

S. Naish contacted the Friends of Robbins Park and the Director of Parks and Recreation and both have approved planting a tree in memory of Brian Murray. In response to several questions they had, Sally identified a suggested location on the park side of Eastern Avenue opposite Fayette Street offset inward from the main row of trees. She proposed a beech, elm, or oak and a metal tag. Tree care will be provided by the ATC, with help from other groups, if possible.

Mike will talk to Jim Dodge about nurseries that have large trees, Eliza will contact Dan Dunn about availability of funds for the planting.

## 8. New Members and Reappointments

E. Burden reported that we received five resumes of people interested in joining the ATC. We reviewed the resumes of several good candidates and discussed inviting them to an ATC meeting.

## 9. Other Business -

- a. ATC involvement in the Master Plan-Nothing to report
- b. ATC involvement in Soak up the Rain-Sustainable Arlington wants ATC representation. Sally will provide representation. She is working with them to develop a program; the first step will be to assess what materials are available to them through EPA.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 7:30 pm in Selectmen's Hearing Room